



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1299

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING AN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE AT BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE ROUTE 34 PARCEL IN NEW HAVEN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of the general
2 statutes or any special act, the Department of Economic and
3 Community Development, after consultation and with the advice of
4 the Department of Transportation, shall (1) assume care and control of
5 the property known as the Route 34 property in the town and city of
6 New Haven, described in section 3 of public act 94-3 of the November
7 special session, as amended by this act, and (2) act in cooperation with
8 the Department of Transportation in designating potential areas of
9 economic development at Bradley International Airport, provided
10 such development is consistent with the Airport Master Plan,
11 including any revisions or updates, and with federal regulations and
12 conditions applicable to airport operations and conditions of federal
13 funding or land transfer agreements.

14 (b) The Department of Economic and Community Development,
15 after consultation and with the advice of the municipality in which the
16 property described in subsection (a) of this section are located, shall
17 take all action reasonable or necessary to prepare said properties for
18 economic development, including, but not limited to, obtaining

19 regulatory approvals and permits.

20 (c) The Department of Economic and Community Development,
21 after approval of the State Properties Review Board, may lease or
22 convey the Route 34 property in whole or in part.

23 (d) The Department of Economic and Community Development
24 shall assist the Department of Transportation, as the Department of
25 Transportation may from time to time require, in taking all reasonable
26 actions necessary to prepare Bradley International Airport economic
27 development properties for approved development including, but not
28 limited to, obtaining regulatory approvals and permits.

29 Sec. 2. Section 3 of public act 94-3 of the November special session is
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

31 [(a)] Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
32 contrary, the Commissioner of Transportation shall transfer to the
33 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development care and
34 control of a parcel of land located in the city and town of New Haven,
35 having an area of approximately 25.71 acres, and bounded by the
36 following streets: To the north by North Frontage Road, to the west by
37 the Ella Grasso Boulevard, to the south by South Frontage Road, also
38 known as Legion Avenue, and to the east by the westerly face of the air
39 rights parking garage located to the east of Park Street. Said parcel of
40 land is identified on a department of transportation map entitled
41 "Construction of RTE 34/Frontage Rds., Ella T. Grasso Blvd. & Derby
42 Ave., Proj. No. 92-314, Sheet 3 of 204" as lots 1 through 6 and the portion
43 of the lot between Park Avenue and the westerly face of the air rights
44 parking garage. The Commissioner of Transportation shall locate the
45 southerly highway line of the relocated Route 34 as far to the north as
46 possible in order to maximize the size of said parcel of land, consistent
47 with the needs of the Department of Transportation to construct and
48 maintain a highway for east and west travel.

49 [(b)] Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
50 contrary, the commissioner of economic development shall lease said

51 parcel of land to the Thirty-Four Development Corporation, or any
52 successor to said corporation by change of name only, subject to the
53 approval of the attorney general and the state properties review board
54 and for a cost of not more than one dollar per year during the term of
55 said lease.

56 (c) The Thirty-Four Development Corporation or such successor to
57 said corporation shall use said parcel of land for biomedical, advanced
58 technology and other economic base projects, and associated
59 infrastructure including parking and other support services, which
60 projects and services are intended to enhance the economic revitalization
61 of (1) residential neighborhoods adjacent to said parcel and (2) the city
62 and town of New Haven. If said parcel is not used for said purposes, the
63 lease shall terminate.

64 (d) The state properties review board shall complete its review of the
65 lease of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after it receives a
66 proposed agreement from the department of economic development.]

67 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*